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portion 2D and head end connecting portion 2B. The branch portion 2D is extended away from the other connecting spring plate 2. The branch portion 2D of the spring plate 2 is turned in U-shape. The base end connecting portion 2A is bent in L-shape and the head end connecting portion 2B is bent in U-shape as connecting portions between the sound generator and a printed circuit board.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow, and in the attached appendix:

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4. (Twice Amended) The device according to claim 5 wherein a portion of each of the connecting spring plates other than the base and head end connecting portions is coated with nickel by nickel plating.

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following new claim:

--5. (New) A connecting device for a sound generator comprising:

a pair of connecting spring plates disposed adjacent to the sound generator, each of the connecting spring plates comprising a base end connecting portion, an intermediate portion, a branch portion, and a head end connecting portion, the intermediate portion and the branch portion forming an

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L-shape, the branch portion being extended away from the other connecting spring plate and turned in U-shape;

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the base end connecting portion being constructed and arranged for connection to a terminal of a sound generator by soldering, and the head end connecting portion being constructed and arranged for connection to a terminal of an outer circuit by pressing the head end connecting portion against the terminal;

a surface of the base end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating;

a surface of the head end connecting portion being coated with gold by gold plating, and

said coating with gold by gold plating being limited to the base and the head end connecting portions.--